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A Flying Farce

MMC Stage Comedy Set To Take Flight

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Bernard is engaged to Gabriella. And to Gloria. And to Gretchen. For the past seven weeks, Rusty Ruth, new director of theater at Mount Marty College, has been coping with that farcical arrangement in directing Mount Marty College's upcoming production "Boeing Boeing" by Marc Camoletti.

The MMC production runs Nov. 13-16 in Marian Auditorium. Thursday through Saturday's performances will start at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday will offer a matinee performance at 2:30 p.m.

"It is going to be a really fun and energetic show," said Ruth. "It's one you don't want to miss."

The play is staged in the 1960s where Bernard is living a bachelor's dream life as a pilot engaged to not one, but three gorgeous stewardesses. There's Gloria, the American; Gabriella, the Italian; and Gretchen, the German. None have an inkling of each other's existence.

With such a great setup for this playboy, what could go wrong?

Bernard's life hits some turbulence when a friend comes to stay and flight schedules change.

Soon, all three of his fiancées are in town simultaneously, and things are about to get confusing for Bernard.

"The strength with a farce is putting realistic people in really heightened and bizarre situations," Ruth said. "The audience will relish in the pain that the characters are going through."

Ruth said he is hoping the acting is so realistic and so bizarre at the same time that the audience can't help but laugh.

A character that the audience will really feel



Gabriella (Ellie Dicks, right) confronts her fiancé, Bernard (Vince Raia, center), and his friend, Robert (Billy Danner), about a mysterious letter in a scene from "Boeing Boeing," a 1960s comedy that will be presented by the Mount Marty College Theatre Department Nov. 13-16 in Marian Auditorium.

for is Bernard's friend Robert, who has just arrived into town and is sucked into the whole mess.

"Robert is put in the worst position and has to try to defuse the situation between the girls," he said.

Ruth picked the play because he had seen a couple of productions of it and fell in love with it.

"It's got great characters and bizarre situations," he said. "It's a really fun show."

Ruth explained that when trying to perfect a comedy, things can get tricky — especially in a farce.

"It is all about timing," he said. "And that is something that takes time. The script is also very cyclical in its dialogue, so it is one that

can be very frustrating to fully get. But the cast is doing a wonderful job with it. They are now starting to hit their stride with having that comedic energy that is needed. It should be hitting its apex by the time we open next week."

After introducing the play to the students, Ruth said that some of them were hesitant because there are so many different dialects that must be perfected to create a realistic portrayal of the characters.

"Within the play, there are German, Italian, French and Brooklyn accents," he said. "It's a fun challenge. The actresses that took on those roles have done such a great job with it. They are learning a new skill set with these different dialects. I couldn't be happier."

"Boeing Boeing" will be Ruth's first produc-

tion at MMC. He said he is very excited for the performance.

"This will be my introduction into the community," Ruth said. "My wife and I have acted before for the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company. So it is not my grand unveiling as a performer, but as a director."

The cast includes Vincent Raia, Windom, Minnesota, as Bernard; Billy Danner, Sioux City, Iowa, as Robert; Venessa Ryken, Gayville as Gloria; Ellie Dicks, Hartington, Nebraska, as Gabriella; Sahara Barrett, Yankton, as Gretchen; and Rachel Shippy, Colome as Berthe.

The production crew includes: Katie Adam,

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